

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

In the Office Action mailed June 6, 2005:

- Claims 31-36 and 38-39 were deemed allowable;
- Claims 19 and 21-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for receiving water from the coupling portion, does not reasonably provide enablement for not receiving water from any basin.
- Claims 10, 17 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
- Claim 37 was deemed allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and to include all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
- Claims 1-3, 11-14 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,195,463 to Lorenzana (“Lorenzana”);
- Claims 6 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lorenzana.;
- Claims 4-5, 18-23, 25, and 28-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lorenzana in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,743,212 to Forjohn (“Forjohn”);
- Claims 7, 9, and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lorenzana in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,354,244 to Green (“Green”);
- Claims 26 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lorenzana in view of Forjohn in view of Green.

- Claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lorenzana in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,484,666 to Reusche (“Reusche”); and
- Claim 24 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lorenzana in view of Forjohn in view of Reusche.

The Examiner is thanked for indicating allowable subject matter.

In this Amendment, Claims 17 and 37 has been rewritten to recite “the sleeve” as suggested by the Examiner in order to comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claim 10 has been amended to depend on claim 9, which provides antecedent bases for the terms “the rectangular sleeve” and “the four legs.” Claims 7, 31, and 33 have been amended to correct typographical errors. Claims 1, 11, and 21 have been amended to include the patentable limitation indicated by the Examiner in the Office Action, “wherein the coupling portion is configured to couple with the reservoir in one of an operating position and a refilling position, wherein water is shutoff from the reservoir when the reservoir is set in the refilling position.”

Accordingly, Applicants submit that independent claims 1, 11, 21, and 31, and all the dependent claims thereto, will be in allowable condition upon entry of this Amendment.

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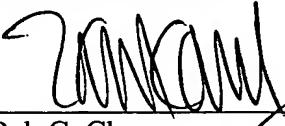
In view of the foregoing all of the claims in this case are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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